GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS GAS AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Union Government has prescribed certain norms for the allotment of petrol pumps/gas agencies to the persons belonging to general category and the SCs/Sts;

(b) : whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the violation of these norms;

(c) : if so, the total number of such complaints received from each State particularly Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) : the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)to(d) : Subsequent to the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) w.e.f. 1.4.2002, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been given freedom to choose location and select Retail Outlet (RO) dealers/ LPG distributors as per their commercial considerations.

OMCs conduct feasibility surveys to assess the potential/commercial viability of locations before setting up any LPG distributorships and RO dealerships, and if found viable, further necessary action including issue of advertisements, holding of interviews of eligible candidates, etc. are taken. As per the extant guidelines, the percentage of reservation to different categories is are as follows :

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Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) -25%
Defence Category (DC)      -8%
Paramilitary/Police/Government Personnel (PMP) -8%
Physically Handicapped Persons (PH)  -5%
Freedom Fighters (FF)     -2%
Outstanding Sports Persons (OSP)  -2%

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OMCs have not reported any violation of guidelines relating to reservations provided for in the selection of R O dealers/LPG distributors.